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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: MILITARY SITREP; 1110Z 20 MAY

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON KOLWEZI OPERATION RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN MILITARY REP. IN GOZ MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN KINSHASA:
2. ENEMY ESCAPED FROM KOLWEZI WITH 70 TRUCKS, PROCEEDED WEST ON HIGHWAY TO MUTSHATSHA, TURNED SOUTH TO BRIDGE OVER MUKULESHI RIVER ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY AT 200900Z MAY 78.
BRIDGE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED. ENEMY LEFT THE TRUCKS AND PROCEEDED ON FOOT TO ZAMBIA BORDER.

3. TOTAL OF 2000 ENEMY WERE IN KOLWEZI; ALL BUT 500 LEFT KOLWEZI MORNING OF 19 MAY, ABOUT ONE HALF (750) WITH THE TRUCKS AND THE OTHER HALF (750) ON FOOT DUE SOUTH TO THE BORDER. THE 500 WHO REMAINED IN KOLWEZI HAD TWO CAPTURED AML ARMORED VEHICLES; ONE WAS DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AND THE OTHER WAS STILL IN OPERATION THE

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MORNING OF 20 MAY.

4. HOSTAGES MAY BE WITH RETREATING FORCES. TRUCKS WERE NOT ATTACKED BY MIRAGE AIRCRAFT FOR THIS REASON.

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